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NEWSPAPERS

1. LATIMES -- DON COOK, PAGE L FROM PARIS REPORTS HAK'S ARRIVAL "TO BEGIN ANOTHER WHIRLWIND OF DIPLOMATIC TALKS IN EUROPE AIMED AT A NEW STEP TOWARD PEACE IN" ME. JUXTA-POSES HAK'S "WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THE POINT ..." DEPARTURE COMMENT WITH REFERENCE TO "MORE POSITIVE" ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN COMMENTS: "NEITHER SIDE IS FORECASTING QUICK AGREEMENT, BUT BOTH ARE TALKING IN ENCOURAGINGLY PARALLEL TERMS ..." REFERS TO SADAT'S HEARST INTERVIEW AND RABIN'S BERLIN PRESS CONFERENCE. SAYS RABIN'S REMARKS INDICATE ABU RUDEIS AND MITLA/GIDI WITHDRAWALS ARE 'SECONDARY TO THE POLITICAL ISSUE OF WHAT KIND OF GUARANTEES THE EGYPTIANS ARE READY TO GRANT.'" NOTES THAT OFFICIALS ON WASHINGTON-PARIS FLIGHT DECLINED TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATING DETAILS LEAVING IMPRESSION THAT THEIR "OFFICIAL CAUTION WAS MORE A MATTER OF PRUDENT DIPLOMATIC TACTICS ... RATHER THAN ANY REFLECTION OF FEARS OF AN IMPENDING DEADLOCK." SAYS, MOREOVER, RABIN, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS UNTIL HE HAS ISRAELI

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CABINET'S BACKING. COOK STATES TALKS WITH GROM IN

GENEVA WILL RANGE CONSIDERABLY BEYOND ME "THOUGH SOV 'UNDERSTANDING' AND 'SUPPORT' HAVE BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE

IMPORTANCE TO HAK IN HIS ME EFFORTS -- IF ONLY IN MAINTAINING A NEUTRAL STANCE WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS GO ON. "

RADIO

KALB, CBS: HAK AND GROM GREETED ONE ANOTHER LIKE TWO LOST BROTHERS; AN EMBRACE, AN EXCHANGE OF JOKES, AND SOME CONTRIVED BANTER WITH NEWSMEN ABOUT ONE OF THE KEY QUESTIONS TO EMERGE HERE: WHETHER THE TWO SUPER POWERS CAN NOW AGREE ON ANOTHER SALT AGREEMENT, AND WHETHER WITHOUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT, IT'S WORTH HOLDING A SUMMIT MEETING THIS FALL AS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED BETWEEN PRES FORD AND SOV LEADER BREZ. WHEN GROM WAS ASKED THAT SPECIFIC QUESTION, "CAN THERE BE A SUMMIT WITHOUT SALT," THE SOV DIP REFUSED TO COMMENT AND DROPPED THE JOKING. "WE'LL KEEP THAT TO OURSELVES," HE SAID. THE TWO FOMMINS CONFER HERE TONIGHT AND AGAIN HERE TOMORROW, BEFORE HAK FLIES OFF TO BONN, AND A MEETING THERE ON SATURDAY WITH RABIN. THE FOCUS TONIGHT IS ON CSCE, AND THE EFFECT OF THE STALEMATED SALT TALKS ON THE CHANCES OF A BREZ VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE TALKS ARE STALEMATED ON THE ISSUE OF VERIFICATION, NAMELY, HOW TO CHECK ON HOW MANY MISSILES EACH SIDE CLAIMS TO HAVE.

KAPLOW, ABC -- THEY BEGAN THEIR MEETING WITH A JOVIAL BANTER, THE US SECSTATE AND THE SOV FORMIN LAUGHINGLY FENDING OFF REPORTERS' QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT THE TWO LEADERS WILL DISCUSS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT IF ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE EMERGES FROM THE HAK-GROM TALKS HERE IT PROBABLY WILL BE IN THE AREA OF STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS, PERHAPS PROGRESS ON THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION. GROM AND HAK POSED FOR PICTURES, THEN RETIRED TO A MEETING ROOM IN THE SOV MISSION, TOMORROW THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GET INTO THE SUBJECT OF THE ME.

WIRES

ALL THREE REPORT HAK'S MEETING IN PARIS WITH GISCARD FOLLOWED BY FLIGHT TO GENEVA AND START OF DISCUSSIONS
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WITH GROM. ALL ALSO CARRY HAK'S "VERY GOOD PROGRESS" COMMENT ON RESUMING CONSUMERS-PRODUCERS TALKS.

AP, SCHWEID: REPORTS BEGINNING OF HAK'S MEETING WITH GROM "WHO VOICED HOPE THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES ON A NEW TREATY LIMITING OFFENSIVE" NUKES. SAYS HAK "VOICED HOPES THAT A 10-YEAR TREATY ... CAN BE REACHED -N TIME FOR A" BREZ-WASHINGTON SUMMIT VISIT. NOTES THAT VERIFICATION IS THE "LARGEST ISSUE" IN THE WEAPONS TALKS. ON THE ME, SCHWEID STATES HAK "IS

REPORTEDLY TRYING TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT ...
GUARANTEEING THE PRESENCE OF A UN PEACE FORCE IN THE

SINAI FOR 3 YEARS." SAYS THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT REMAIN APART ON THE SINAI PASSES QUESTION AND THAT "THE COM-PROMISE BEING WORKED OUT BY HAK WOULD GIVE THE ISRAELIS THEIR FOOTHOLD WITHOUT ACTUALLY BEING SPECIFIC ABOUT IT." EGYPT COULD "CLAIM IT HAS RETAKEN" THE PASSES "WHILE ISRAEL WOULD RETAIN ENOUGH ... TO PROVIDE A MEASURE OF SECURITY ... " STATES A SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID THE U.S. "HAS NOT IMPOSED A DEADLINE FOR A SETTLEMENT" AND THAT BY JULY 24 "SADAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE 'AN EVALUATION OF PROSPECTS.'"

UPI, GROWALD: CARRIES SMALLER PIECE CALLING MEETING WITH GISCARD "UNSCHEDULED" AND SAYS HAK "ALSO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE SOUGHT FRENCH SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TO WIN A NEW ME PEACE AGREEMENT."

REUTERS, DALLAS: LEADS WITH GROM'S PARTICULAR MENTION OF "EUROPEAN PROBLEMS" AS A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WITH HAK. THEN DEVOTES MOST OF REPORT TO CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING ASPECT OF TALKS WITH GISCARD. SAYS ENDERS REMAINED IN PARIS "APPARENTLY TO WORK OUT MORE DETAILS." CITES SENIOR US OFFICIAL'S COMMENT THAT "CONSUMER-PRODUCER SESSION WOULD BE 'ON TRACK' WITHIN TWO MONTHS," WHILE DECLINING TO ESTIMATE DATE. REPORTS SAME OFFICIAL SAID GISCARD WOULD ISSUE INVITATION, BUT THAT 'INVITATION WOULD BE ISSUED ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN PRINCIPLE ABOUT THE THREE COMMISSIONS." SAME OFFICIAL MENTIONED ROBINSON'S TRIPS TO IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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VENEZUELA, AND BRAZIL "TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS." DALLAS ALSO REPORTS HAK AND GISCARD DISCUSSED PROPOSED CSCE SUMMIT AND HAK'S COMMENT: "BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE AGREED IT OUGHT TO BE BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

TV

ABC: SMITH/REASONER:

SMITH: HAK BEGAN HIS LATEST EUROPEAN VISIT TODAY WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD. THEY TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETINGS BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND OIL CONSUMERS. THEN, HAK FLEW ON TO GENEVA TO MEET WITH GROM ON NUCLEAR ARMS TALKS AND THE ME CRISIS.

KAPLOW: IN ANOTHER DAY THE TEAM OF HAK AND GROM MIGHT HAVE GRACED THE RANKS OF VAUDEVILLE COMICS, EVEN IF THE FACE OF SO SOMBER A SUBJECT AS VERIFICATION TO SEE THAT NATIONS DON'T VIOLATE AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS.

REPORTER QUESTION: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DO YOU HAVE A SOVIET PROPOSAL ON VERIFICATION FOR THE SECRETARY?

GROM: WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AS WELL.

QUESTION: BUT DO YOU HAVE A NEW PROPOSAL, SIR?

GROM: SHOULD I DISCLOSE BEFORE THE MEETING? IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

HAK: I THINK WE MIGHT GIVE YOU SOME GOOD IDEAS.

GROM: A LITTLE BIT LATER.

QUESTION: CAN THERE BE A SUMMIT WITHOUT A SALT AGREEMENT?

GROM: NO ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION FOR THE TIME BEING.
LET US KEEP THIS FACT SECRET FOR US.

QUESTION: THEN WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST?

GROM: A VERY INTERESTING AREA, AND VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL.
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KAPLOW: THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN QUIET RECENTLY ABOUT THE ME, WAITING TO SEE HOW AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORTS WORK OUT. MEANWHILE, CHIEF MEDIATOR HAK REMAINS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ANOTHER EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL AGREEMENT SOON, INSISTING THERE ARE STILL DIFFICULT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED.

NBC, CHANCELLOR:

CHANCELLOR: HAK AND GROM MET IN GENEVA TODAY, THE FIRST OF TWO DAYS OF TALKS. THE ME SITUATION WAS ON THEIR AGENDA, SO WAS THE QUESTION OF OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

VALERIANI: HAK AND GROM CAME HERE FOR ONE OF THEIR

PERIODIC MEETINGS PRIMARILY TO TALK ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE STALLED OVER A NUMBER OF COMPLICATED, TECHNICAL ISSUES. AS THEY BANTERED WITH NEWSMEN, GROM WAS ASKED ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

GROM: LET US HOPE.

HAK: THAT'S OUR INTENT.

VALERIANI: BUT THIS MEETING IS NOT AS CRITICAL AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SINCE PRES FORD AND SOV LEADER BREZ WILL

THEMSELVES HAVE A CHANCE TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN THE ARMS TALKS WHEN THEY SEE EACH OTHER IN HELSINKI. THE HAK-GROM AGENDA INCLUDED A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES INCLUDING THE ME, BUT HAK HAS DECLINED TO COMMENT

PUBLICLY ON THE VARIOUS CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THE ME
IN RECENT DAYS. BUT HIS VIEWS ARE KNOWN TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
SADAT HAS NOT TOLD THE US HE HAS AGREED TO TERMS FOR
ANOTHER SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT
YET PRESENTED A NEW, COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL TO EGYPT AND
WILL NOT UNTIL AFTER THEIR CABINET MEETING NEXT WEEK.
ALL OF THE NEGOTIATING OF RECENT DAYS HAS INVOLVED
ISRAEL AND THE US, NOT EGYPT, WHICH INDICATES THE
ISRAELIS ARE STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH US ASSURANCES
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ABOUT AID AND OTHER MATTERS. AND, FINALLY, IT'S HAK'S
VIEW THAT ANOTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL
IS STILL PROBABLY SEVERAL WEEKS AWAY.

CBS,MUDD:

MUDD: HAK'S FIRST MEETING TODAY ON HIS EUROPEAN TRIP WAS
IN PARIS WITH GISCARD. HAK REPORTED VERY GOOD PROGRESS
HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD RESUMING TALKS BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS
AND CONSUMERS. FROM PARIS HE FLEW TO GENEVA FOR TWO
DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH GROM. THE MAJOR ISSUE ON THEIR
AGENDA IS A STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY.

KALB: GROM ARRIVED FIRST MAKING NO SECRET OF THE FACT
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS A EUR SECURITY CONFERENCE & A
FORD-BREZ SUMMIT MEETING. HAK, WHO USED TO BE SKEPTICAL
ABOUT SUMMITRY, IS NOW DRIFTING TOWARDS AGREEING IF
THE RUSSIANS EASE THEIR TOUGH AND BEWILDERING STANCE ON
THE STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATION, WHICH IS NOW DEADLOCKED.
AS THE SECRETARY'S LIMO PULLED INTO THE SOV MISSION HERE,
HAK WONDERED WHETHER THE KEY OBSTACLE COULD BE OVER-
COME: VERIFICATION, NAMELY HOW CAN EACH SIDE CHECK ON
HOW MANY MISSILES THE OTHER CLAIMS TO HAVE. IF THIS
OBSTACLE CANNOT BE OVERCOME, THE QUESTION ARISES 'CAN
THERE BE A SUMMIT WITHOUT SALT?' HAK DOESN'T THINK SO,
BUT HE TRIED TO SOUND UPBEAT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE
IS NOW A LARGE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE TWO SUPER-
POWERS CAN AGREE ON ANOTHER STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT
BEFORE SOV LEADER BREZ'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON
THIS OCTOBER. IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S MIND THERE IS EVEN
LARGER QUESTION, 'WHETHER IT'S WORTH HAVING A SUMMIT
MEETING AT ALL WITHOUT A SALT AGREEMENT FIRST.'

MUDD: THIS EVENING KALB CALLED IN FROM GENEVA TO REPORT
THAT THE SOVS APPEAR TO HAVE ACCEPTED FOR THE FIRST TIME
THE PRINCIPLE OF ON-SIGHT MISSILE INSPECTION.

LATE WIRE, REUTERS, DALLAS: GENEVA: THE SOVIET UNION
IS MOVING TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A TREATY IN WHICH IT WOULD
PERMIT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS
HISTORY, A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

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AMERICAN AND SOVIET NEGOTIATORS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON DETAILS OF THE TREATY -- AGREED IN PRINCIPLE DURING A MOSCOW SUMMIT LAST JULY BETWEEN FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF L. BREZHNEV -- TO BAN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS ABOVE 150 KILOTONS.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE TREATY AND ON-SITE INSPECTIONS COULD WELL OCCUR.

INSPECTIONS COULD TAKE PLACE TO VERIFY ALL EXPLOSIONS ABOVE THE THRESHOLD OF 150 KILOTONS OUTSIDE AGREED SITES, THE OFFICIAL ADDED.

FOR MANY YEARS THE SOVIET UNION HAS REFUSED TO AGREE TO ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND IT COULD SET A MAJOR NEW PRECEDENT IF IT AGREED TO DO SO IN THE TREATY.

ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THE US OFFICIAL SAID SEVERAL UNSOLVED PROBLEMS STILL BLOCK FINAL AGREEMENT.

THESE INCLUDED WAYS OF DEALING WITH EXPLOSIONS ABOVE 150 KILOTONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES SUCH AS THE DIVERSION OF RIVERS, EXPLOSIONS OUTSIDE THE AGREED AREAS, AND ADVANCE NOTIFICATION THAT EXPLOSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE, THE OFFICIAL ADDED.

HAK AND GROM WHO BOTH ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED TREATY DURING SESSIONS TODAY AND TOMORROW.

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